



Ask Review of Municipal Taxes

Public Ownership Of Packing Industry Urged

OTTAWA (CPA) — Public ownership of the Canadian meat packing industry was advocated by Wm. "Scottie" Bryce, M.P. (C.C.F., Selkirk), speaking in a C.B.C. "Nation's Business" broadcast Nov. 20.

The case for nationalization of meat-packing was clearly brought out, he felt, by action of the Packers in failing to pass on to the consumers the recent drop in the farm price of hogs.

Dates Back to July

"You have probably noticed that in the last week or so there has been some reduction in pork prices," said Scottie Bryce. "... But what you may not know," he added, "is that the price to the farmer dropped drastically several months ago." He pointed out that Toronto hog prices had dropped to \$40 by mid-July, to \$29 by mid-September.

"On the basis of the decrease in price to the farmer, the housewife should now be paying only 80c or 84c for the best side bacon instead of 80c or 85c," stated the C.C.F. M.P., who is also Provincial Leader of the C.C.F. in Manitoba.

Housewives Penalized
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Ask Inquiry Into Hog - Pricing

OTTAWA (CPA)—An investigation into the meat packing industry in Canada has been formally requested in the House of Commons by Percy Wright, M.P. (C.C.F., Melfort).

Speaking November 20, Wright asked if Combines Investigations officials had any evidence of collusion among packing firms who have been rapidly reducing farm prices of hogs for the past few months. Justice Minister Garson answering declared the hog-price manipulation possibility was already under study and that no evidence of collusion had been uncovered so far.

Wright not satisfied with the official statement, backed up his request for an investigation with a formal demand for an inquiry into the packing houses' hog-pricing activities. This compels the Combines Commissioner to undertake preliminary investigations at least.

Bound For India



MME. VIJAYA PANDIT, retiring Indian ambassador to the United States, and her daughter, Rita, are shown on their arrival in New York from Washington, D.C. Pandit is returning to India to run for Parliament in that country's new constitution.

Survey By Commission Is Urged

Appointment of an impartial commission to go thoroughly into the whole question of provincial-municipal financial relations was urged by C.C.F. Provincial Leader Elmer E. Roper in a "Provincial Affairs" broadcast on Monday of last week.

He recalled that a few years ago something like this was done, but the commission was made up of one man, the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs. He contended that the job is one for an impartial body that will make a thorough review, that will engage the best experts in municipal financing, a body that will have every facility to examine every aspect of the revenues and expenditures of the province and the municipalities. He explained that provincial revenue for 1950-51 was 7 1/2 times greater than the revenue of 15 years ago and noted that many municipal authorities complain that the provincial government is not giving the municipal taxpayer a square deal. The provincial government, on the other hand, points to the much higher grants that are being paid now compared with 15 years ago. The true situation could only be determined by an impartial body.

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Coming to CCF Convention



M. J. COLDWELL, M.P.

Public Meeting Banquet, Dec. 7-8

M. J. Coldwell, M.P., C.C.F. National Leader, will address a public meeting in connection with the Alberta C.C.F. provincial convention in Calgary next week-end. He will speak in the Memorial Hall on Friday evening, December 7.

William Irvine, C.C.F. director of organization, reports that most of the constituencies will be represented at the convention, with many vital topics scheduled for discussion. The convention will conclude with a banquet in the Labor Temple on Saturday at 6:30 p.m., with Harold Bronson as the speaker.

Sandwich lunches will be served by the Calgary women's group and arrangements have also been made for the billeting of delegates. (Continued on page 8)



PERSONAL STUFF BY E. E. R.

I wonder if Ted Jolliffe and three hundred thousand other C.C.F. people in Ontario are saying, "What's the use?" these days. I hope not, because there has been a lot of use. The people of Ontario have public services and social legislation and higher standards of living today than they would have had if there had been no C.C.F. organization in that province. Even in the election campaign just concluded both of the old parties were shamelessly promising or taking credit for legislation that was initiated and has been promoted by the C.C.F. down through the past twenty years. No political party today dares to ignore the proposals of the C.C.F. That is because the C.C.F. is a potential political threat. The only way in which it can be prevented from being an actual, immediate threat is to take some steps in the direction of the C.C.F. program. All other parties in Canada have been doing that. They have indeed been vying with each other in doing it. For self-preservation they've had to do it. Now it is politically discouraging sometimes to be a supporter of a party which exercises a vast influence on the action of other parties, but cannot get enough of (Continued on page 8)

CBC 'Nation's Business' Broadcasts At 9 p.m.

Broadcasts in the "Nation's Business" C.B.C. series will now be heard in Alberta from 9:00 to 9:15 p.m. instead of 9:15 to 9:30 p.m. as formerly. These talks by representatives of the various political parties are carried by CBX.

Score \$60 Ceiling On Pension Tax

OTTAWA (CPA).—A motion by C.C.F. M.P. Stanley Knowles to do away with the \$60 ceiling on payments under the special income tax earmarked for the new old-age security scheme was voted down 118-27 by Liberal and Tory Members in the House. The vote came on a procedural issue, but M.P.'s divided on the merits of the Knowles amendment.

Effect of the move by the Winnipeg North Centre Member would have been to make the income tax portion of the old age security payment plan a straight 2 per cent levy on all taxable incomes. The government scheme calls for a 2 per cent tax on all taxable incomes up to \$3,000. But the \$60 tax imposed on \$9,000 incomes will be a flat rate for all incomes above that level. If a taxpayer earns \$3,000 or \$3 million a year, he will still pay only \$60 to the old age security fund.

Ask Disarmament Conference Soon

Recognizing that "an effective disarmament program requires a count and strict limitation of atomic and other weapons under United Nations control and inspection," the Alberta C.C.Y.M. at their convention in Red Deer called for a disarmament conference of all nations to be held as soon as possible.

The C.C.F. young people also urged that "the C.C.Y.M. and C.C.F. must be ever vigilant to guard against the curtailing of liberty of thought, speech and association". As the convention declared, "Although we can spare no sympathy for the Communists, as they are in fact foreign agents of the most monstrous totalitarian state that history has ever known, we must be on our guard when anyone is persecuted for holding an opinion, expressing that opinion, or associating with others of the same opinion."

The convention urged the provincial government to implement "a province-wide hospitalization scheme similar to the one now in effect in Saskatchewan."

In view of the possibility of a provincial election coming next year, the young people's convention also resolved that "each C.C.F. club be urged to begin collecting a campaign fund for the next election" and also that "local C.C.F. associations begin holding constituency meetings in order to find likely candidates to run for election."

CCF Demands \$10 Acre On Unthreshed Grain

OTTAWA (CPA).—Loans of \$10 an acre on unthreshed grain and advances to farmers on grain stored on the ground were demanded by Saskatchewan M.P.'s Percy Wright and Hazen Argue in Parliamentary questions directed to Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

Asked Wright (C.C.F., Melfort): "Will the Prime Minister give consideration to the request that the Dominion government co-operate with the municipalities and the provincial governments to make provision for a loan of \$10 per acre on unthreshed grain, the administration of such loans to be the responsibility of the rural municipalities?"

"The Wheat Board and the Department of Trade and Commerce are giving consideration as to what may be required to meet the unusual circumstances which have developed in the western provinces," pontificated St. Laurent.

"No" Says P.M.

"May I ask whether or not a

firm decision has yet been reached by the government on the advisability of making advances to farmers on grain stored on the farm?" prodded C.C.F.'er Argue in a supplementary question. He got a more definite answer. "No," said the P.M., "no firm decision has yet been made." But he went on to repeat, "The whole situation has been and is under serious consideration by the Wheat Board and the Department of Trade and Commerce."

Background of the farm representatives' questions is the wheat transportation crisis which has glutted country elevators, left farmers with grain stored on the ground while empty grain freighters were waiting for cargoes in Montreal. It's now been intensified by weather conditions which made it impossible to complete the harvest of this year's wheat crop in time for shipment even had facilities been available.

The CCF In The World Today

A Preliminary Draft of A New Statement of CCF Principles

EXPLANATION

1. THE PROCEDURE BEING FOLLOWED

The 1950 National Convention reaffirming its faith in the underlying principles of the Regina Manifesto instructed the National Council to draft a new statement of the application of democratic Socialist principles to Canada and the world today. A committee of the National Council invited suggestions from C.C.F. clubs, constituency associations and from individuals and prepared a draft statement. The National Executive invited criticisms of this draft from Provincial Councils and Executives and submitted these, together with the draft, to the National Council meeting October 6, 7 and 8, 1951.

The Council considered the various issues which had arisen in the preliminary discussions as well as the sequence of ideas and the form of the draft. The actual wording was left with a small committee and was finally approved by the National Executive at a special meeting for distribution to and discussion by the movement as a whole.

2. THE NEXT STEP

C.C.F. clubs and constituency associations should forward their criticisms, suggestions and proposed amendments to their provincial councils not later than January 1, 1952, so that they may reach the National Council prior to its next meeting early in 1952. The next meeting of the National Council will approve a final draft for consideration by the movement and for submission to the next National Convention.

3. THIS IS NOT A FINAL DRAFT

This draft statement of C.C.F. principles has been prepared for discussion only. It does NOT represent an official statement of C.C.F. principles. Such a statement will be adopted by the next National Convention and this draft has been prepared only to facilitate the widest possible discussion of the issues before convention delegates assemble to finally adopt a statement.

4. THIS IS NOT AN ELECTION PROGRAM

This is a statement of principles only. It is not intended as a detailed election program. The latter must be drafted in accordance with the statement of basic principles to meet current issues.

A. Preamble

1. Today peace and plenty are dreams that can come true for all mankind. In Canada we live in peace among ourselves, though our people come from many lands. Plenty is within our reach and with it leisure for creative living. To help us master half a continent, the harnessed energies of nature, the magic of chemistry, the strength of machines, are at work like countless slaves. When mankind learns to use these means for the common good, Canada and the whole world will put an end to poverty and enter the new era that has been the vision of centuries.

2. Yet everywhere humanity is held back by the weight of ignorance and the force of habit, the grip of greed and the brake of fear. In the markets of capitalism, men fight for greedy advantage, and only the spur of war makes them join together to plan and produce in a common cause. In the prison camp of the police state, masses toil under communist or fascist guns. Social democracies are the brightest spots in the world today. They are trying to create a society fit for human beings. They point the way to a future when men shall hold out the hand of friendship, equal in rights, partners in work, wealth, and government.

3. In the Commonwealth and most of the western world, political democracy opens the way to orderly and peaceful change. Socialism is the next logical step. Whatever may be their sources of inspiration, all socialists share the aim of building, within nations and through the international socialist movement, a just and free society and a world at peace. Canada's socialist movement is the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation.

4. In these stormy times, a political party needs more than ever a set of guiding principles, as well as a plan for today. Along among

Canadian parties, the C.C.F. meets this need: Its program is governed by these basic principles:

a Human dignity requires respect for the worth of each individual regardless of race, color, sex or creed, and full scope for each to develop the best that is in him.

b Social rights require a broadening of democracy, and equal opportunity for all persons to make contributions to society. They include the right of cultural and religious minorities to protection, and they require the removal of class privilege and discrimination.

c Economic democracy requires that the supplying of human needs and the making of profit shall regulate the production, and distribution of national wealth. Private monopoly must be replaced by social ownership, and the scramble for selfish advantage must give way to democratic planning for the common good.

d International responsibility requires the building of a world community, with a law and government above those of nations, and with power to develop the earth's resources for all its people.

5. The C.C.F. program has been forged from the realities, and shaped by the experiences, of Canadian life. It is fitted to our federal system, in which national and provincial authority each has its defined place. The C.C.F. will safeguard the constitutional guarantees of the two major language and cultural groups, and it welcomes the rich contributions that groups of many other origins are making.

6. The C.C.F. rejects the doctrine that the end justifies the means. Deceit spreads a poison, power corrupts, and violence destroys good as well as evil. The C.C.F. relies on the vigor of Can-

adian democracy to bring about social change by peaceful means.

B. Social Principles

7. Individual freedom is the first concern of socialism. But freedom is of limited value if the individual is left without a job, unable to get an education, develop his talents, or enjoy the good things of life. Society must be made much safer for individual freedom than it is today. Certain basic rights must be guaranteed to each citizen, regardless of race, color, sex or creed. These social rights include:

a A floor under the standard of living rising as high as the national wealth can provide.

b An education suited to individual needs and capacities.

c Employment, and a voice in determining its conditions.

d Comfortable housing.

e Complete health services.

f For those too ill, old, or handicapped to work, living conditions similar to those of people who are producing.

g Leisure, recreation, and opportunity to enjoy the world's cultural treasures.

h The right to full partnership in the management of society.

8. Happier and healthier families will be the foundation of the new society. In the family, the individual begins his own development, and learns that others have rights and needs. Security of the family is basic; where it is lacking, all the social ills increase.

9. But in addition to family membership, everyone needs the satisfaction of belonging to an ever-widening circle of association that eventually includes the world community.

10. The individual, on his part, must recognize his duty to give his best in work and service to his family and community. He will be helped by higher incentives than those of today's society.

11. Capitalism stunts and twists human nature by its emphasis on getting the better of others and on making money profit. It makes cash the main link in human relationships. It regards consumers as dupes and workers as expense items. It asserts ownership and power as the privileges of wealth, and holds nothing as sacred as property.

12. But these distortions go against the grain. People prefer helping others to harming them. They will exert themselves to give service as well as to make gain. They like to work with and for their fellow-men and to win approval of their efforts. They know that monetary rewards and values are not the greatest ones in life.

13. Socialism will release many incentives that capitalism has kept in bonds. It can rely on enthusiasm, energies, creative impulses that capitalism has frozen. In a co-operative society the individual can find scope to express himself in many new ways. For he will have the impetus of team-spirit and the knowledge that what he does enriches the whole community.

14. Social thinking must take account of the facts of shrinking distances and increasing interdependence among the world's peoples. No longer can Canadians or any other people live to themselves. No longer can a few nations remain rich while most are poor. Today's one-world reality requires new attitudes of co-operation and

a new vision of justice if mankind is to survive and go forward.

C. Economic Principles

15. Canadians will have full social rights only when the economic system serves the needs of all the people. Under capitalism, decisions about production—the kind, quantity, and quality of goods—are taken in the light of the profit that the private owners of industry can make. During depressions, gluts appear and factories close down. Daring, booms profiteering spurs inflation, and the dollar loses much of its buying power. Those who apologize for capitalism contend that economic laws will correct these bad conditions. But the fact is that in Canada monopolies and price-fixing combinations have become so powerful that a small number of men control the economy to suit themselves.

16. The economy must be organized for steady and increasing production in which everyone must do his share. We must have full employment with full buying power and a fair distribution of goods and services. Human need, not private profit, must be the watchword.

17. Economic planning is essential to socialism. The idea of planning is not new. It is already used in great measure by governments that try to bolster up the capitalist system. It is used by the owners of business not only for efficiency but also to reduce competition, create shortages, and keep prices and profits high. The socialist policy is economic planning by the people through their governments and with their consent and co-operation. The voters will decide the broad policies to be followed—and planning agencies will carry out their wishes. Planning will not be wholly centralized in the national government, for much of it can be done by the provinces, much by the municipalities, and some of it will require co-operation among all three levels of government. And through their organizations, farmers, labor, management and other groups can help with plans and programs from their own particular point of view.

18. Social ownership and control of the machinery for the production and distribution of goods and services is basic to socialist planning. Its forms will be as varied as the needs for them. Some will be linked with the national government, some with provincial or municipal governments, and some will be co-operatives.

19. Socialist planning does not presuppose public ownership of all the means of production, but it does demand that productive enterprise of vital importance to the community's welfare be transferred to social ownership as swiftly as possible. Enterprises remaining in private hands can be controlled by the requirement that they fit their policies to the overall plan. The pattern of the economy, the extent and pace of socialization will be determined by the community in its own interests.

20. The C.C.F. believes that the balance of economic power must be swung over to the public from the huge concentrations of irresponsible corporate wealth that control it now. Only a planned program can bring about production of the kind and amount necessary for a rising standard of living for all. The C.C.F. believes that the Canadian people have the

knowledge, the skill and the moral determination to build a better economic system.

D. Political Principles

21. Political democracy gives each man and woman a part to play in government. It puts the forming of public policies, the care of common interests, the future of a nation, under control of the people's will. The state becomes the servant of its citizens, not their master, and the way to peaceful change is kept open.

22. But history shows that the goal of full democracy cannot be reached without effort. From Magna Carta to votes for women, the political gains of today have been hard won. At each stage, government has been shaped and used by those who wielded economic power. Though Canadians have a well-developed political democracy, business life is controlled by the few rather than the many. The rise of economic democracy has been slow.

23. The machinery of political democracy is not everywhere the same, but always its purpose is to enable public opinion to shape the laws. It responds to the will of the majority while preserving the rights of the minority. Citizens can join or form parties, run for office, and vote by secret ballot in periodic elections. The main supports of democracy are universal suffrage and the parliamentary system, civil liberties and equal rights under the law, a civil service subordinate to the representatives of the people, independent judges, and a free press.

24. These are the objectives of full political democracy, but its shortcomings in Canada give no excuse for smugness:

- (a) The municipal franchise is still generally restricted by property qualifications.
- (b) The Senate is beyond popular control.
- (c) The Constitution lacks a Bill of Rights to protect the basic individual freedoms.
- (d) Violations of civil and religious liberty are all too frequent.
- (e) Political patronage and electoral corruption are still common.
- (f) The capitalist parties are dominated by wealthy interests that finance them, a standing threat to democracy.

25. Political democracy is strong only when its citizens are active in making it work. Each must give service as well as taking benefits; each owes duties, as well as enjoying rights. The C.C.F. was created by the people so that they might have a political party, financed and controlled by themselves, which could form public policy in the interests of the whole population.

26. Today we realize that economic forces beyond the control of the public can wreck even that measure of democracy which we have gained. Economic power breeds political power. As long as great sources of wealth remain in a few hands, political democracy will be in danger. Just as the growth of democracy in the political field was the great gain of the last century, so the winning of

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economic democracy must be our twentieth century goal.

E. International Principles

27. Socialism seeks to build a world community founded on social justice and upheld by the twin pillars of political and economic democracy. Only within a structure of world law, can the nations live at peace.

28. The United Nations is a stage in the shaping of this community. Through its agencies, peoples can work together to make better conditions of life. But this great project has been hampered by the fears and hates and rivalries caused by narrow nationalism and greedy imperialism. Since effective world policies can be laid down only by an effective international government, men must broaden their loyalties beyond the nation state and give allegiance to a world commonwealth.

29. Security for the lands and liberties of nations must be achieved. It is threatened by the efforts of totalitarian communism to overthrow independent states or upset their governments. It is endangered by the failure of capitalism to aid the establishment of social progress. The C.C.F. together with every other democratic socialist party in the world stands on the side of political liberty. Only in a free world can socialism flourish. The C.C.F. supports the collective security measures outlined in the United Nations' Charter. It believes that until armed forces are created for the United Nations, the regional pacts for which the charter provides are essential to guard against armed attack.

30. But arms cannot protect democracy. They cannot kill ideas or stop the pangs of hunger. Today in the under-developed areas—the backward countries, the colonial empires, the nations newly risen to independence—great masses of mankind are struggling to get control of their own lives. They want more land, more food, more machines and the goods that machines can make. They want a footing of equality with other nations. With them, democracy is on trial. To win their support, it must prove able to satisfy their hopes. If it fails, they will turn to other political systems. For them, and for other peoples, prosperity depends on a universal alliance to conquer poverty. Peace is at stake while bitter unrest shrouds across vast areas of the globe. The kind and amount of aid is that given to underprivileged peoples will determine the future of the human race. Agencies of the United Nations should be put to work on a much bigger scale to overcome the poverty, disease, illiteracy, and technical backwardness from which a large part of mankind suffers.

31. But no amount of aid will strengthen democratic life in under-developed lands if it is soured by an attitude of false superiority, or if it hardens into imperialism of any kind. Socialism, as a movement for world brotherhood, must give energetic leadership in international as well as national affairs. Its aim is to link all peoples by co-operative planning and action to create and enjoy the wealth that can support a finer civilization.

32. By comparison with most countries, Canada is a wealthy and influential member of the world community. Canadians must put their weight behind the United Nations in its double task of preventing war and building peace. They must work to make the United Nations a democratic or-

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ganization in which domination by the great states will be eliminated. Meantime, Canada needs to join with other nations and groups that have the will to defend freedom and independence. But this country has the strength to reject a subservient role, to insist on co-operation as its condition of alliance. It must not hesitate to give leadership in making international policies or to spend its resources generously in putting them into effect.

33. The C.C.F. believes that peace and security must be firmly rooted in the soil of economic justice. Only when human beings everywhere are free from exploitation, want and fear, only when the peoples share their toil and the fruits of it, only when respect for world law has been solidly established, only then can mankind know the blessings of permanent peace and security.

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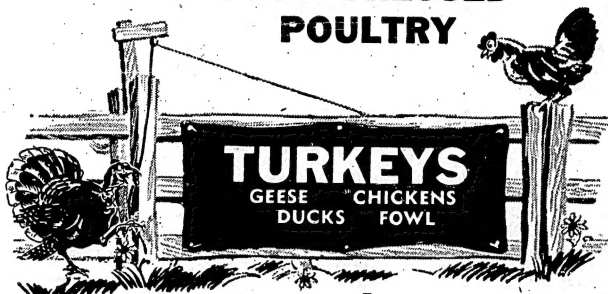
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PERIOD OF PROGRESS

BY reason of an electoral system which makes the vote of a worker in a crowded area less effective than that of a landlord in a small constituency, the Conservatives in Britain now have more seats in the House of Commons than the Labor Party.

But Labor polled 200,000 more votes than the Tories and indeed polled the largest number of votes ever recorded for a political party in Great Britain.

This fact of Labor's superior mass support is only slightly less important than the complexion of the government. In its legislative program no government will dare to ignore the 14 million people who voted for the Labor program.

The operation of the Labor government on the life of Great Britain was a revolutionary one. The status of millions of families was changed. They were lifted out of the ruck of destitution and insecurity on to a new and higher plane of living.

In six years the Labor Party didn't reach its full objective or anything near it. But in six years a profound change in the life of the nation was made. In the history of Britain the years 1945-51 will stand out as a great period of progress.

SHABBY PERFORMANCE

CANADIANS should have nothing but severe condemnation for the Liberal government at Ottawa for its handling of old age pensions.

In the first place the amount of the pension is a national disgrace. Pensioners cannot live on \$40.00 per month.

In the second place the method of financing the pension is unjust. The increase in income tax applies only to incomes not higher than \$3,000. The balance of the money required is to come from the sales tax which hits hardest at families in the lower income bracket.

The federal government announced with a great fanfare that it would assume entire financial responsibility for the pension for all Canadians over seventy, without a means test. But in making the pension \$40.00 per month it abrogated a good part of its responsibility. Provincial governments or private charity must supplement the pension of needy pensioners if they are to live. (In Alberta the provincial government has announced that present over-seventy pensioners will continue to get the \$10 supplementary allowance.)

The inequity of the application of the additional income tax to pay for pensions is obvious. The man with a taxable income of \$3,000 will pay the maximum amount of \$60.00. The man with a \$30,000 income will pay the same amount. The primary purpose of old age pensions is to supply the means of life to people beyond earning age. The secondary purpose is to effect a more equitable division of the national wealth. This purpose is ignored by the Liberal government. The poorer people will pay for the pensions. The rich get off free.

The only just conclusion to be made in respect to the actions of the Ottawa government in connection with pensions is that they add up to a particularly shabby performance.

MUST STRIKE A BALANCE

THERE are two ways in which a nation or group of nations can be weak enough to invite attack from a belligerent nation such as the attacks by Germany in the two world wars. One is to be militarily weak, the other to be economically weak.

In Britain, for example, everyone except the people Aneurin Bevan calls "partisans of the Kremlin" believes now that military strength should be great enough to deter aggression. But there is grave anxiety on the part of many that unless a proper balance is struck, national economic weakness, caused by the economic waste of armaments and manpower withdrawn from production, may outweigh the value of military preparedness.

In a recent statement by the National C.C.F., expressed by M. J. Coldwell, in the House of Commons, this enigma of the nations was noted and the government of Canada was warned by the C.C.F. leader that the nations of Europe could not be made strong to resist aggressive communism by too greatly sacrificing the people's standard of living to the building of a military machine.

The problem of the nations, as long as international fear of war continues, is something like that of the man who feels he should devote a lot of time to resting and recreation in order to keep healthy. But if he spends too much time resting and in recreation he won't have enough time to earn the necessary food, clothing and shelter to keep him healthy.

Military preparation is necessary for national safety in our troubled world. But national safety can also be jeopardized by spending so much of the national income on military preparation that economic impoverishment becomes a national madness. This danger is already present in the countries of western Europe, even including Great Britain.

THE THIRD COLUMN

MORE TO KREMLIN'S LIKING

Dorothy Steeves, in C.C.F. News, Nov. 14:

"Mr. Churchill's plans for East-West trade will be no different from those of the Laborites, but it is evident from Communist propaganda that the Kremlin line for the time being will be more friendly to Churchill than it was to the Labor government. Certainly, the British Communists tried to help Churchill to power—the few seats which they contested were strong Labor constituencies. Communism has always shown that it hates social democracy more than big boss Toryism."

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NO TORY VICTORY!

Edmonton Journal Editorial,

Nov. 1:

"With the publication of the final returns in the British election, it is no longer correct to speak of Winston Churchill's 'narrow victory.' It was actually no victory at all, as far as the popular vote itself was concerned. While the Conservatives won an overall majority of 18 seats in the house of commons, they actually received less votes than the Labor party. The figures are: Labor 13,911,562, Conservatives 13,721,346 which represent 48.72 and 48.05 per cent respectively of the ballots cast. The Liberals with 2.63 per cent made up most of the balance.

"The Labor vote was in fact larger than in 1950, or even in the great year of victory 1945. The figure for 1950 was 13,265,726 and for 1945, 11,985,743. What defeated the party this time was not any falling off in its own support but rather the switch of nearly a million Liberals to the Conservatives, plus the fact that Labor's own strength was badly distributed. Its candidates in the industrial districts piled up huge 'wasted' majorities which would have reversed the result, completely if they could have somehow been transferred to the more closely contested country and suburban ridings.

"These figures show that Labor's strength in the country has suffered no real decline. All its misfortunes and failures since 1945—the disappointing results of nationalization, the recurring financial crises, the coal and power shortages, the meagre national diet, the austerity and regimentation of which so much is heard, even the humiliations abroad—have failed to shake the faith of the great mass of industrial workers in the party they consider their special friend and protector. With this unwavering support, the Labor leaders have no great reason to fear the future; they probably count on winning the next election. They will therefore make an extremely vigorous and active opposition in the house of commons and in the country."

Timely Topics

QUICK DISILLUSIONMENT

Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill won about 27 more seats with about 300,000 fewer votes than Labor received. And so the Tories are in power. It took them less than two weeks to repudiate their election platform. Their propaganda



was all to the effect that the Labor Party had by sheer mismanagement of national affairs made a severe austerity program necessary; that rationing was uncalculated for that people from Britain desiring to travel should be allowed to take more money out of the country than Labor allowed and that all forms of control, described as "regimentation" were inroads on personal liberty. The Tories promised for years that when they got to power all these things would be ended.

Well, the Tories came to power and in the very first meeting of parliament they reduced food rations, cut the amount of money which any person could take out of the country and imposed more restrictions on individual liberty in one day than Labor did in six years.

Middle class Britons, it is to be hoped, will learn a lesson from this situation. They may learn that all the difficulties for which they and the Tories blamed Labor, did not disappear when Churchill became prime minister. They may learn too that the Labor Party which achieved an unprecedented increase in production in a nation bankrupt by war and established social services in advance of the great and, presumably advanced U.S.A., has given an example of competent statesmanship unparalleled in any country of the world during the period it held office.

CONTROL STILL REJECTED

Although prices are still rising, the federal government is adamant

in its refusal to do anything about it. The main argument of the government against price control appears to be that price control interferes with individual freedom. That is to say, it interferes with the freedom now given to monopolies to fix and control prices in the interests of their own private profits.

Canadian people above the moron stage are well aware that prices are being controlled now. Monopolies and combines fix prices at will. The question then for the people to decide is; shall we have price control by those who profit by high prices, or shall we have price control by the representatives of the people in the national interest?

FARMERS

BACK SOCIALISTS

Sweden has had a Socialist government for some time, although the Socialist Party has not had an over-all majority in the Riksdag. But since 1935 the Socialist government advanced a program which included price control, social security and economic planning. The Farmers' Union Party supported the Social Democratic program in parliament and recently joined with the Socialists in forming a coalition government, which commands a majority in the Riksdag.

DISPARITY PRICES

Since 1945 farm prices have gone up 15%. But owing to the phenomenal high prices which the farmers have had to pay and still are paying, the cost of farm production has gone up 50%. Farmers are not allowed to fix their own prices as manufacturers do, hence the disparity between the prices the farmers have to take and the prices they have to pay. This sort of thing just cannot go on indefinitely. Parity must be achieved, but this is unlikely to happen until farmers have as much influence in parliament as the Manufacturers' Association enjoys now and which it has enjoyed for a long time.

Wants Voice of Freedom Heard

Editor, People's Weekly.

Sir: The late Wm. Allen White—brilliant editor and outstanding citizen of the United States, on returning from Washington, where he had been called to further the war effort in World War II said, "It is silly to say the administration runs this war show. It is largely run by absentee owners of amalgamated industrial wealth." He believed them to be decent American citizens possessed of great talent. Again I quote, "If you touch them in 9 relations out of 10, they are kindly, courteous Christian gentlemen, but in that tenth relation where it touches their own organization, they are stark mad, ruthless, unchecked by God or man, panoplied. In fact, they are as evil as Hitler. They are determined to come out of this war victors for their own stockholders."

I believe this to be true—our example is John Foster Dulles. After the surrender of the axis in World War I, the allies sent armies into Russia to break the revolution and restore the old regime. The soldiers were war weary and demanded to be sent home so it failed. During this time an election pitted the Republicans in power, Wilson and his League of Nations were rejected. Newly-elected President

Hoover and his chief advisor, John Foster Dulles, attended the Big 5 meeting in Paris (minutes published during World War II). President Hoover proposed a blockade to starve them into submission—it also failed (though Hungary yielded) but a tragic number of innocent women and children starved by blockade. John Foster Dulles proposed and carried out this maneuver.

The revolution in Russia, The New Deal in U.S., the growing power of labor in Britain and unrest among the backward nations, seriously threatened amalgamated wealth but the keen brain and fascist mind of Dulles was equal to it and the Cold War was on. The people of the U.S. were re-educated through Kiplinger letters, radio, press and all that money can buy into believing monopoly produced gadgets and U.S. dollars was the American way of life and must be imposed on the rest of the world—Russia used as a scapegoat and fear and big lie technique perfected. When the economy of the U.S. threatened breakdown—inflation soaring with no remedy save war—dope addition increasing among New York high school

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C.C.F. News From Constituencies

In spite of bad weather and sporadic harvesting throughout November, this month has seen some excellent C.C.F. conventions. Stony Plain Constituency did itself proud with an over-flowing banquet with credit in large measure going, we are told, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Newcombe, Harold Anderson, Roy Lent, Mr. Berry and others, who helped. With unanimous approval plans are now being made for a spring banquet and we wish them the best of luck.

Stettler Constituency held an evening convention at which the Club Cafe served a delicious lunch. Attendance was good, everything considered. Among the many present special mention goes to Mrs. Findlay, whose interest and courage never flags in spite of crippling arthritis. She's an inspiration to all of us. Stettler C.C.F. people appreciate also the tireless efforts of their secretary, Mrs. Abbie Payne and their President, Joe Tipman. Generous contributions to the C.C.F. Organization Fund were subscribed.

The Red Deer Women's group gave Mrs. Nellie Peterson a very pleasant evening at a supper following the Red Deer Convention where plans were made for the Annual Banquet, catered to by the Red Deer C.C.F. Women. Mrs. Hilda Comfort is the new President of the Red Deer Constituency Association and Mrs. Ethel Taylor is the new secretary. Indications are that they will be busy people.

Wetaskiwin constituency convention, ably chaired by J. G. Baker, presented a number of resolutions for the consideration of the Provincial Convention as did also the Lacombe constituency convention. Both constituencies are planning banquets for the beginning of the new year as part of their membership drive activity. The members of the Crooked Lake Club are taking the initiative in preparing the Wetaskiwin Constituency banquet, they were promised help and full co-operation by other locals.

An excellent committee comprising Mr. R. A. Evans, Mr. Gordon Ingles, Mr. Dan McKenzie, Mr. Geo. Davis, Mr. Mel Clarke and Mr. Wolters have been selected by Alexandra Constituency to make arrangements for a membership drive and banquet in that constituency. This should be a well attended and enjoyable evening for all C.C.F. friends and supporters.

The evening of the Fémibia Constituency convention presented such road and weather hazards as could be expected to ruin any gathering. Instead the Organizers received a pleasant surprise when they met with a good and representative group of delegates. A fine slate of officers for the coming year was elected with Tom Foster of Dapp continuing as president and Mrs. V. C. Doherty of Barrhead as secretary.

At the Ponoka Constituency Convention arrangements were

Edmonton C.C.F. Will Meet On December 11

Regular meeting date of the Edmonton C.C.F. has been advanced from December 18 to Tuesday, December 11, and will be held at Woodsworth House, 10140-107 Street, instead of in the I.O.O.F. Hall. At this meeting reports will be given on the C.C.F. convention.

Under the chairmanship of N. P. Finnemore, several resolutions for the convention were approved at the Edmonton C.C.F. meeting on November 20. Roy Jamha was named as East Edmonton representative on the C.C.F. provincial board, with Floyd Johnson as West Edmonton member.

made for a supper meeting in the Water Glen district. Co-operation from all parts of the constituency is expected.

Clover Bar delegates have undertaken to arrange for a number of house meetings early in January as part of their organization work.

All conventions donated generously toward the C.C.F. Organization Fund and elected delegates to the Provincial Convention.

Macleod Constituency Convention was held on Wednesday of this week in Claresholm at 2:00 p.m. A supper, catered to by the C.C.F. ladies, followed. Wm. Irvine was the guest speaker.

Didsbury Convention was held on Thursday, at 2 p.m. in Carstairs hall. Wm. Irvine was guest speaker.

New CCL Secretary



DON MacDONALD of Sydney, Nova Scotia, who was elected secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor at the C.C.L. Executive Council meeting held recently. He replaces Pat Conroy who resigned over internal Congress differences during the closing moments of the Congress convention at Vancouver.

Wants Voice Of

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pupils 300 per cent in a year—graft rampant and evils too numerous to mention, Dulles goes to Korea and Tokyo and a war is unleashed. We who dare call ours a Christian nation sit unprotesting while a long-suffering nation is devastated and its people used as an experiment for all the horror of death-dealing inventions as Spain once served. The Cold War has done its work well. Fear has served

Calgary Women's Bazaar, Success

The tea and bazaar of the Calgary C.C.F. women's group, convened by Miss Ruth Cherry, was a financial success and greatly enjoyed. We are prone to overlook the value of fellowship of like minds—one member said she visited with friends she hadn't seen for two years.

Mrs. Robert Alderman received the guests, and those in charge of booths were: Aprons, Mrs. Schelenger; novelties, Miss Gladys Dynes; home cooking, Miss Una Grant and Mrs. Pippard; knitted things, Mrs. Sterling; Christmas cards, Mrs. Geiger; kitchen supplies, Mrs. E. Wickens and Mrs. Macellus; candy sale, Lee Zimmerman; plants, Mrs. Walker. Miss E. Pratt was in charge of the tea-table arrangements, and pourers were Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Kataly, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Pippard.

The Women's group will be serving lunches at the Labor Temple during the C.C.F. provincial convention in Calgary on December 7 and 8, thus affording an opportunity to renew friendships by visitors.—F.W.

its purpose—protest in U.S. means Red label and loss of work and security—even death to some. We, in Canada, at least have no "Un-American Committee" to say what we shall think and speak—while we are yet free let us be heard.

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With The C. C. Y. M.

Lethbridge Builds a Boat
According to word received from Dr. Liebe of Lethbridge who is organizing the project, a boat is being built there for the C.C.F.-C.C.Y.M. Camp. The boat will be 11 feet long and will be modelled after a well-known Delta design. Money for materials has been contributed as follows: Mr. Al Davis, \$20; Lethbridge C.C.F. Club, \$35; A Lethbridge Friend, \$2.

The construction is being undertaken by Bruno Matteotti and a young boy who is a C.C.Y.M. sympathizer, under the supervision of Dr. Liebe.

A special "Thank You" goes to Lethbridge from the Camp Committee.

Camp Finance Drive a Success

It was announced at the C.C.Y.M. convention at Red Deer recently that the finance drive for the C.C.F.-C.C.Y.M. camp was an unqualified success. Total donations received came to \$614.60. This money was spent as follows: Lumber, \$492.80; payment on camp site, \$100.00; lumber transport, \$8.50; bank charges, \$1.99, leaving a net balance of \$11.25.

The C.C.Y.M. convention passed a resolution expressing gratitude to these contributors who made the entire project possible.

Camp House Is Completed

Board by board and nail by nail, the C.C.F.-C.C.Y.M. camp kitchen was completed this summer. Paid for by the splendid response of C.C.F.'ers and C.C.Y.M.'ers alike, built in a series of work-parties that began with the three-day C.C.Y.M. camp, June 30th to July 2nd, the camp kitchen is the first building to be erected on the site. Others will follow over the year.

Addresses by Roper and Danglell

"Unless a movement can continue to recruit members from young people, that movement is destined to die," declared Mr. E. E. Roper, M.L.A., C.C.F. Provincial Leader, as he spoke at the C.C.Y.M. provincial convention in Red Deer. He expressed his pleasure at being able to attend such an encouraging convention.

Mr. D. C. Danglell, Red Deer C.C.F. constituency president, also extended his best wishes to the convention. He stressed the important part that environment plays in the development of the individual and of a society.

Alberta C.C.Y.M. Convention

The third annual convention of the re-organized Alberta C.C.Y.M. held its two-day sessions Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th at the Buffalo Hotel, Red Deer. Mr. Ray Schmidt, C.C.Y.M.

member on the C.C.F. Provincial Board, welcomed the delegates to the convention on behalf of the Red Deer C.C.Y.M. club.

About 40 delegates were registered.

Retiring president, Brian Smith, been a favorable one for the C.C.Y.M. The C.C.Y.M. has been reported that the past year has growing steadily and the C.C.F.-C.C.Y.M. camp shows signs of being the biggest thing we have ever done in Alberta, he said.

Carl Hamilton, National C.C.Y.M. President, who toured Alberta for three weeks during an intensive C.C.Y.M. organization drive, reported that five new clubs had been formed. He observed that the International Union of Socialist Youth, to which the C.C.Y.M. is affiliated, has more responsibility than any other youth organization in the world in regard to working for prosperity and peace. He urged a greater awareness of fellow socialists throughout the world.

Mr. A. J. E. Liesemer, M.L.A., Adult Advisor to the Alberta C.C.Y.M., on behalf of the C.C.F., invited all C.C.Y.M.'ers to attend the C.C.F. convention held in Calgary in December. It is expected that there will be a fair turnout of young C.C.F.'ers.

Wenans Is President

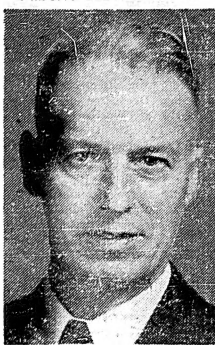
Carroll Wenans of Edmonton, C.C.Y.M. secretary-treasurer for the past two years, was elected provincial president replacing retiring proxy Brian Smith of Calgary who continues on the executive. George Milner, Crossfield, was named vice-president. The remaining members of the executive are: Brian Smith, Calgary; Ernest Ingram, Bentley; Miss Dorothy Powe, Calgary; Ken Dahl, Kingman; Miss Margaret Walter, Acm; Ray Schmidt, Blackfalds; and Earl Brown, Falun. Roy Sward is the secretary-treasurer. George Milner was named Alberta's representative on the C.C.F.-Y.M. National Council while Ray Schmidt and Carroll Wenans will be the C.C.Y.M. representatives on the Provincial C.C.F. Board.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Taylor and the Red Deer C.C.F. Ladies' Club for the kind billeting arrangements that had been made for delegates and also thanks to members of the Red Deer, C.C.Y.M. club for the work they had done on convention arrangements.

As the new, barber-nicked the one-armed stranger for the second time, he said, "You have been here before?"

"No," said the stranger sadly, "I lost this arm in a sawmill."

Alberta Labor President



ROBERT ATKIN,
Edmonton

Convention Names Jamha Secretary

Robert Atkin, a member of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees and other Transport Workers, division 79, was re-elected to his second term as president at the annual convention of the Industrial Federation of Labor of Alberta (C.C.L.); held in Calgary.

Another Edmontonian, Roy Jamha, of the United Packinghouse Workers, was elected to the executive-secretary's post. Vice-president is Mike Susnar, J.M.W. of A., Calgary, and executive members: John Montgomery, U.P.W.A., and Percy Hooper, Amalgamated Building and Construction Workers, both of Calgary.

Mr. Atkin in his presidential address, reviewed the work of the Federation during the past year and stressed the need for promoting the work of the Education Institute as an important factor in maintaining an informed membership and developing leaders in the labor field. He highly commended the work of the C.C.F. members of the Alberta legislature as well as the C.C.F. representatives in the federal house. He stressed the need for preserving peace among the nations of the world and unity among the labor forces on the home front. He pointed to the benefits that might be derived if the two labor bodies could get together in Alberta and present a unified brief, to the provincial government on all matters of mutual concern to labor.

Resolutions were passed at the convention calling for price controls, wage increases to meet the rising cost of living, more liberal consideration of old age pensioners' needs, and many other vital matters in the field of social legislation.

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The Ontario Election

By LORNE INGLE

The C.C.F. lost valuable ground in the Ontario Provincial election on November 22. Not only was representation in the provincial house reduced from 21 to 8, but the provincial leader, Ted Jolliffe, was himself defeated. The Liberals emerged as official opposition. It is small consolation that the Liberal strength was reduced from 14 to 8 and that the Liberal leader was also defeated, running third in his own riding.

The reasons for the result are probably not simple or easy to explain. If the majority of the electorate were concerned about high prices, high rents, a shortage of housing, lack of adequate health care, high municipal taxes, and other issues on which the C.C.F. fought the election, they were clearly not persuaded that the Conservative government of Ontario was primarily responsible or that they could and should do anything about these issues. That satisfaction with the record of the government, in spite of what the C.C.F. felt were the shortcomings, was undoubtedly a major factor in the result.

Liberals' Wild Campaign
Another and probably more minor factor was the widespread revulsion against the campaign conducted by the Liberal leader—the wild promises, the exaggerated claims, and the irresponsible and often contradictory statements he made. Many people voted against Thomson and in many constituencies that meant a vote for the C.C.F. Undoubtedly it was a contributing factor in the loss of 18 C.C.F. seats to the Progressive Conservatives. The one Liberal gain from the C.C.F. in Windsor resulted from a particular local situation in which the popular Mayor of Windsor ran as the Liberal candidate.

Although the C.C.F. enjoyed official union support to a greater degree than ever before it is clear that a good many union members and their families were not as convinced of the C.C.F. cause as were their leaders. Many people in industrial areas simply stayed at home. While healthy relationship developed between the C.C.F. and the trade unions in the last few years, is indeed encouraging, there remains the vital task of effective political education among the rank and file.

The C.C.F. itself was ill-equipped to fight the election. The succession of six federal and provincial contests in the last eight years had sapped the energies and resources of the organization. On the other hand, the old party election machines, well-financed by big business, hiring and paying their workers right down to the last scrutineer-in-the-hall, could take the repeated elections in their stride.

Jolliffe Stands High

In spite of the results, C.C.F.'ers in the province can be proud of the way in which their campaign was led. Ted Jolliffe worked tirelessly and conducted his campaign in a clear, forthright, honest and intelligent manner. His status in the Ontario movement is higher than ever.

The two remaining members, Bill Grummett, who led the C.C.F. group from 1945 to 1948, and Tommy Thomas, who defeated Liberal Leader Walter Thomson in his own riding, can

be counted on to provide much-needed opposition to the top-heavy Conservative majority in the legislature.

The C.C.F. will be grossly under-represented in the new legislature, having polled over 325,000 votes and elected only 2 members—one for every 160,000 supporters. The Tories with 830,000 votes elected 79 members—one for every 10,000 supporters.

Determined C.C.F.'ers

But the C.C.F. cannot be kept down in spite of its defeats and disappointments. The months ahead will be difficult, but the C.C.F. has faced difficult times before. The thousands of people who actively support the organization in Ontario are as determined

as ever to carry on. They have a conviction in the justice of their cause, and they have the leadership and spirit necessary to tackle anew the task of building the organizational foundation which can one day win power in Ontario.

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Personal Stuff

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its own candidates elected, but it is nonetheless worth while, and right.

After all, the C.C.F., in spite of ups and downs, has actually achieved much more electoral success in the past nineteen years than was anticipated by the group which met in Calgary in 1932 to launch the new party. The purpose then was to establish a movement in Canada which would uphold a set of important principles. Electoral success may have been envisioned as an ultimate objective, but that wasn't the motivating force which brought the movement into being. The purpose of the founders of the C.C.F. was to establish a national voice for a social democracy. The reasoning at that time was that if the people of Canada became familiar with

the C.C.F. program, the demand for it would grow. Well, that's what has happened. And the other political parties, in their established positions, with all the means of publicity at their disposal, have retained their hold on public support, largely by adopting this or that part of the C.C.F. program. No wonder we hear the plaintive or angry charge of "socialism" against all political parties at meetings of Big Business groups!

In nineteen years, more of the C.C.F. program has become part of Canadian life than anyone could have dreamed in 1932. That must be recognized as success, even on the day after a rather discouraging electoral setback. "What's the use?" is no phrase to be heard coming from C.C.F. lips. There's always lots of use in remaining actively true to that which one knows is right and good.

Public Ownership

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buying low-grade meat was subsidizing the price of higher grades of meat which had not risen in price so steeply as cheaper meats. "If sirloin steak is worth \$1.00 a pound, then brisket should cost only 40c a pound; it should not be 60c," he declared.

"The government could do the people of this country a great service if they had a thorough investigation of the whole meat industry," he concluded. The C.C.F. believes that as long as this industry remains in irresponsible private hands, interested only in making all the profit the traffic will bear, neither farmers nor housewives will get a square deal. We believe that this vital industry should be publicly-owned.

Public Meeting

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gates. Those requiring billets are asked to get in touch with the Calgary C.C.F. convenor, Miss Ruth Cherry, 21 Athlone Apartments, or with Mrs. Nellie Peterson, Provincial Secretary, 10140 107 Street, Edmonton.

Except for the public meeting in the Memorial Hall on Friday, December 7, all of the sessions will be held in the Labor Temple. Several cars will be leaving Edmonton on Thursday, December 6, for the convention and those requiring transportation are asked to get in touch with the C.C.F. Provincial Office, Phone 28862.

Survey By

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would examine all the facts, said Mr. Roper.

Commission Could Decide

It might be, continued Mr. Roper, that some body "would arrive at the conclusion" that there was nothing wrong with municipal taxes going up and up while the bank account of the provincial government climbed towards a hundred million dollars. Maybe, on the other hand, such a commission would set out reasons for believing that a larger part of the province's new income should go toward relieving some of the burdens of the municipal taxpayer. Municipal organizations think that would be the outcome," and, he added, he was "inclined to agree".

Aroused Public Opinion

He warned that there would be

no change in the present situation in respect to municipal taxes and swollen provincial revenues unless there was a strong upsurge of public opinion to demand a change. He suggested that residents of the various communities talk the situation over with their neighbors, and if they came to the conclusion that there should be some relief from ever-growing municipal taxes by the municipality getting a larger share of provincial revenues, then they should make their wishes known to the local member of the legislature.

The customer at the lunch counter was struggling valiantly with his, not-so-choice steak. Finally he put down his knife and said to the proprietor: "It's a shame to fry a tire that still has so much tread on it!"

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